

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **James 3:17**.
- B. If man desires wisdom, let it be that which is from above. For the wisdom of God is greater than men (1Cor. 1:25).
- C. And this is not the only reason. James tells us of seven things that make God's wisdom the far better.
- D. The previous verses of James 3 speak of the wisdom of the world and how ineffective it is. We now contrast human wisdom it with the fruits of Godly wisdom.

I. **FIRST, IT IS PURE.**

- A. There is no human speculation, philosophy, or opinion in God's wisdom.
- B. Even the "opinions" of the apostle Paul are still from the Lord (1Cor. 14:37; Col. 2:8).

II. **SECOND, IT IS PEACEABLE.**

- A. Mankind cannot seem to agree on anything today. Nations are against nation, trouble seems to be everywhere.
- B. The wisdom (word) of God produces peace between God and man, between man and man, and peace with oneself (Phil. 4:7).

III. **THIRD, IT IS GENTLE.**

- A. Because of the nature of the word of God, being like a sword (Heb. 4:12), we must be careful as to how we use it.
- B. Let us not be offensive with it, just communicate it, the word itself has the power to convict and save (Rom. 10:17).

IV. **FOURTH, IT IS REASONABLE.**

- A. Let us put on our thinking caps and not hold extreme positions which are not reasonable.
- B. KJV says "easy to be entreated" therefore, as we want wisdom from above we will become forgiving, unobtrusive people.
- C. Let us never be cold, haughty, and unyielding; for when we think we stand firm we have the greatest chance of falling (1Cor. 10:12).

V. **FIFTH, FULL OF MERCY AND GOOD FRUITS.**

- A. Jesus told us to forgive others if we want to be forgiven.
- B. Our Godly wisdom does not hold grudges, evil thoughts, etc., because of being full of mercy and good fruits (Gal. 5:22,23; 2Pet. 1:5-10).

VI. **SIXTH, IT IS UNWAVERING.**

- A. The KJV says "without variance" which suggests no radical changes, no jumping from one extreme to another.
- B. The wisdom that is from above is without partiality, instructing all men to do the same things.
- C. We should not allow our thinking to be changed by prejudice.

VII. **SEVENTH, IT IS WITHOUT HYPOCRISY.**

- A. Very simply, God's wisdom does not say one thing and mean another.
- B. There is no double standard.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. These seven things should appeal to all men, in their search for the truth, and the wisdom to apply that truth.
- B. We know these principles will work because;
 - 1. The Bible says so.
 - 2. We have seen them work in our lives and in the lives of others.
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.